

# OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2014  
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER  
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR JULY 25, 2014

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- 1. Sandbags** – While the water levels on the Minnehaha Creek continuing to move slowly in the right direction, staff are still encouraging people to keep their sandbags in place. As of today, the levels on Lake Minnetonka and the level of Minnehaha Creek is almost exactly the same as it was on May 30, which is the level it was just before the first request for sandbags was made. Staff recommends that residents be patient and vigilant because the flooding threat is still not over.
- 2. Race for the Cure** – The 2015 Race for the Cure will return to Edina. Event organizers are working with the City's special events team and staff from Simon Properties to bring the event back to Southdale Center.
- 3. Parking Ramp Projects** – The parking ramp project will be making significant progress over the next week when the third and fourth levels of the south ramp are closed for restoration July 27-30. This is necessary and was projected when the parking ramp project was awarded, but it is the most significant impact to parking in the district throughout the project. The contractor will work day and night to minimize this disruption to the district. Typical day ramp restoration activities primarily consist of sawing, jackhammering and drilling. Night ramp restoration activities primarily consist of operating a sprayer, generator and air compressor. All nighttime activities are anticipated to have a lower decibel level than primary daytime restoration activities. Ramp restoration crews will use the existing parking ramp lighting. No additional light is anticipated to spill into adjacent neighborhoods beyond the normal light levels when the ramp is used by district customers. Most of the noise will come from air compressors and generators required to operate the sprayers.
- 4. Beacon Interfaith Project** – The Planning Commission continued a public hearing to Aug. 13 for Beacon Interfaith Housing to redevelop 3330 W. 66th St. into housing for young adults who have experienced homelessness. The continuance was necessary because the public notice for the Planning Commission's public hearing was defective. Staff relied on our LOGIS system to generate the notice area mailing list, which is our standard practice for mailing public notices. The LOGIS system failed. Hennepin County offers a similar public notice mailing list system. The County system seems more reliable. We are going to move to the County's system for future public notice mailing lists. The City Council will tentatively consider the Beacon request at the Sept. 2 Council meeting.
- 5. Employee News** – Derek Northenscold has accepted our offer to become one of our Engineering Technicians. His first day will be Aug. 18. His responsibilities will be inspection of street reconstruction projects in the summer and

assisting with design in the winter. He has inspection and project management experience with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. He has also served in the Army and is currently in the Army Reserves.

6. **Setback Ordinance Change** – The Planning Commission also considered an ordinance amendment regarding front street setback requirements for single-family homes and the first floor one-foot rule for teardown and rebuilds. The goal of the amendment is make the ordinance easier to interpret and meet the original intent. A Planning Commission public hearing has tentatively been planned for September.
7. **Croquet Anyone?** – The Minnesota Open Croquet Championship was held over the past week at Centennial Lakes Park. Players from as far away as California were on hand for the annual tournament, which was won by Mike Weimerskirch of Minneapolis.
8. **Braemar Golf** – Hiawatha and Meadowbrook golf courses have closed for the year due to flooding caused by the spring's record rainfall. Staff have reached out to both golf courses to see if there is anything we can do to help them. Braemar staff report they have confirmed booking an 88-player group in mid-September from Hiawatha.

Braemar noted its 50th anniversary this week. We have planned special anniversary events for Sept. 25-27 to include a golf tournament, junior event and movie night.

9. **5108 Industrial Blvd.** – At its July 23 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended approval of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Preliminary Rezoning to tear down the existing 12,199-square-foot office building and build a new 10,000-square-foot retail building with a coffee shop drive-thru at 5108 Edina Industrial Blvd. The City Council will consider the request on Aug. 4.
10. **Animal Control Reporting** – The Edina Police Department is going mobile with *Edina To Go*. Residents can now make reports through the City's new mobile app for animal control issues like coyote sightings; damage and injury caused by wild animals; and sick, injured or deceased animals. The app has various reporting features, including maps, to better see trends and animal packs. We hope online reporting will also reduce the number of phone calls the City receives for such issues.
11. **Annie Coyle Has A Baby** – Little Katie Lou Coyle, the daughter of former City Management Fellow Annie Coyle, was born Wednesday, July 23 at 11 a.m. She was 8 pounds, 15 ounces and 21 inches long. Annie, Jason and Katie Lou are in good health and resting comfortably at home.